



# Describing an Artefact



Your challenge is to write about the Indus Valley seals in more detail. Read through the information provided and do your own research to decide which facts you should include in your description.

Be careful! Some of the facts are not true and some are not relevant. Make sure you choose the best information for your description.

Your description should include the following information:

- Where the artefact was found.
- What it is.
- What it is made of.
- What it was used for.
- What it tells us about life in the Indus Valley.
- Any other important facts you discover.





# Indus Valley Seals

Over 3500 seals dating back to the Indus Valley civilisation have been found.

These seals are thought to have been used as stamps for people to mark their goods or to show they had paid the correct taxes.

I think the seals are really pretty.

The seals help us to understand how the people might have traded with other civilisations and where they travelled.

The stamps are mostly made from soapstone.

The river Indus runs through the Indus Valley.

The stamps could be pressed into clay to make an impression and then used as a tag to label an object.

They are about 3cm square and many show pictures of animals and people.

They were used as tiles to decorate bathrooms.

The seals have been found in many places, showing that the Indus Valley civilisation covered a huge area.

The seals may have helped us to learn about the types of clothes that were worn and what animals were kept.

The seals tell us how many people owned a house.



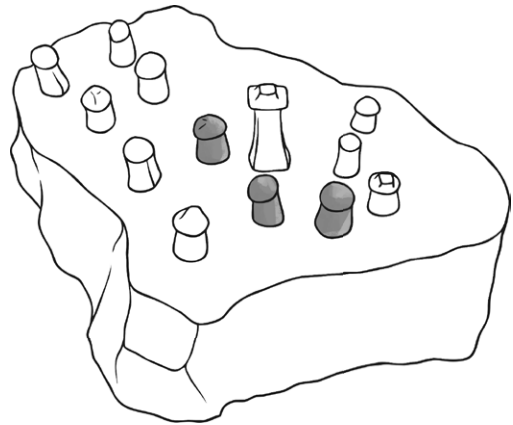


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**Use these sentence starters to help you organise your information:**

## Introduction

This is...

It was found in ... by ...

It is dated back to...

## Key information about the artefact

The artefact is...

It is made of...

The people from the Indus Valley civilisation would have used this for/to...

## What the artefact teaches us about the Indus Valley

This artefact has helped us to understand/has taught us...





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